

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM**  
**BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE SEE THE NOTES AT THE END**

**Personal Details**

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone No:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Occupation: *(if retired, give former occupation)*

Retired Connexions Manager and Former Councillor.....

**Identification of the Alleged Route**

Description of the Route *(Mark route on map)*

.....The route is along the Riverside starting at Long Row past the former Garland site. (see Grid Reference below)

Start Grid Reference: NZ35965 67478

End Grid Reference: NZ35933 67745

Name of Route *(if named)*: King Charles III England Coast Path - Section SBA-1-S031

Believed Status of the Route Existing Footpath (National Trail & Recreational Path - OS Map 316)  
*(Footpath, Bridleway, Restricted Byway or Byway Open to All Traffic)*

Has the route always run on the same route? *(If not provide details)*

I was a Labour Councillor for the area (1979 -1996) when the estate was first built. The area was developed by the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation which operated from 1987 – 1998. I was asked to join the Community Panel who were consulted made up of community groups and local council representatives. The vision was to open up the riverside for recreation and housing. To create housing and to celebrate the shipping heritage. As a resident I walked my dog regularly along the route . Even when the call centre was built later the public could walk along the path.....

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**Your Use of the Alleged Route**

When did you first use the route?            1984

When did you last use the route?            2017.....

Was there a period between those dates that you did not use the route *(If yes, when & why?)*

It is difficult to remember dates but I walked the dog regularly along that route and even when Garlands was in operation you could walk along this route.

How did you use the route? *(e.g. foot, horse, cycle, carriage, motor vehicle)*

Walk and  
Cycle.....

How often did you use the route?

Couple of times a week

If you have stopped using the route, why did you stop?

I had different walks so there were changes in routine but we could not use it at all when the gate went up.....

**The Nature of Your Use**

What was the purpose of your journeys?    It was a relaxing walk . I usually took the dog for a walk. Occasionally following the cycle route as a safe cycle. We used to take my daughter when she was a baby along in her pram ( Born 1987) . Some people used to fish there too.

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<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Did you see other people using the route?    Yes</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Did other people see you using the route?    Yes</p> <p>.....</p>
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Did you encounter or have to remove any obstructions when using the route? (e.g. fences, locked gates etc.) (If yes give details)

Only when the current gate was put up. It was a public right of way.

Did you ever ask for permission to use the route? (If yes give details) No

Were you ever given permission to use the route? (If yes give details) Not applicable

Have you ever owned/occupied land crossed by the route? No

Have you ever worked for the owner/occupier of the land? I was a South Tyneside Councillor who I understood controlled and adapted the path.

If yes, were you ever given any instructions regarding the route? (If yes give details)

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**Additional Information**

Were there any stiles, gates or bridges along the route? (If yes, show locations on map)

Were there any signs along the route? (If yes, give details & show locations on map)

England Coastal Path Signs, which have now been changed without any permission.

Were you ever stopped, prevented, or turned back from using the route? *Not until the gate went up.*

Any other information you consider relevant

It is an absolute disgrace that this valuable right of way has been taken away from the residents of South Tyneside and the wider community for the financial benefit of a privileged few. This was a very nice walk which was very flat and great for people with disabilities. I was not aware of any change of use until the gates went up. The process in my opinion has been as dodgy as the outcome. It was a major factor in the defeat of the ruling political group's local election result. Please restore our public right of way.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts that I have stated are true

Signature:



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Signature of person taking statement: (If applicable) .....

Print Name:



**Note:**

1. You may be interviewed by the investigating Authority to confirm the content of this form
2. You may also be asked to attend a public inquiry to give evidence



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3. The information contained within this form will be in the public domain and may be disclosed to other parties with an interest in this case. By completing this form, you are confirming you consent for such disclosure. This includes the personal details given.
4. If your recollections of dates and other details are approximate or to the best of your recollection please say so.



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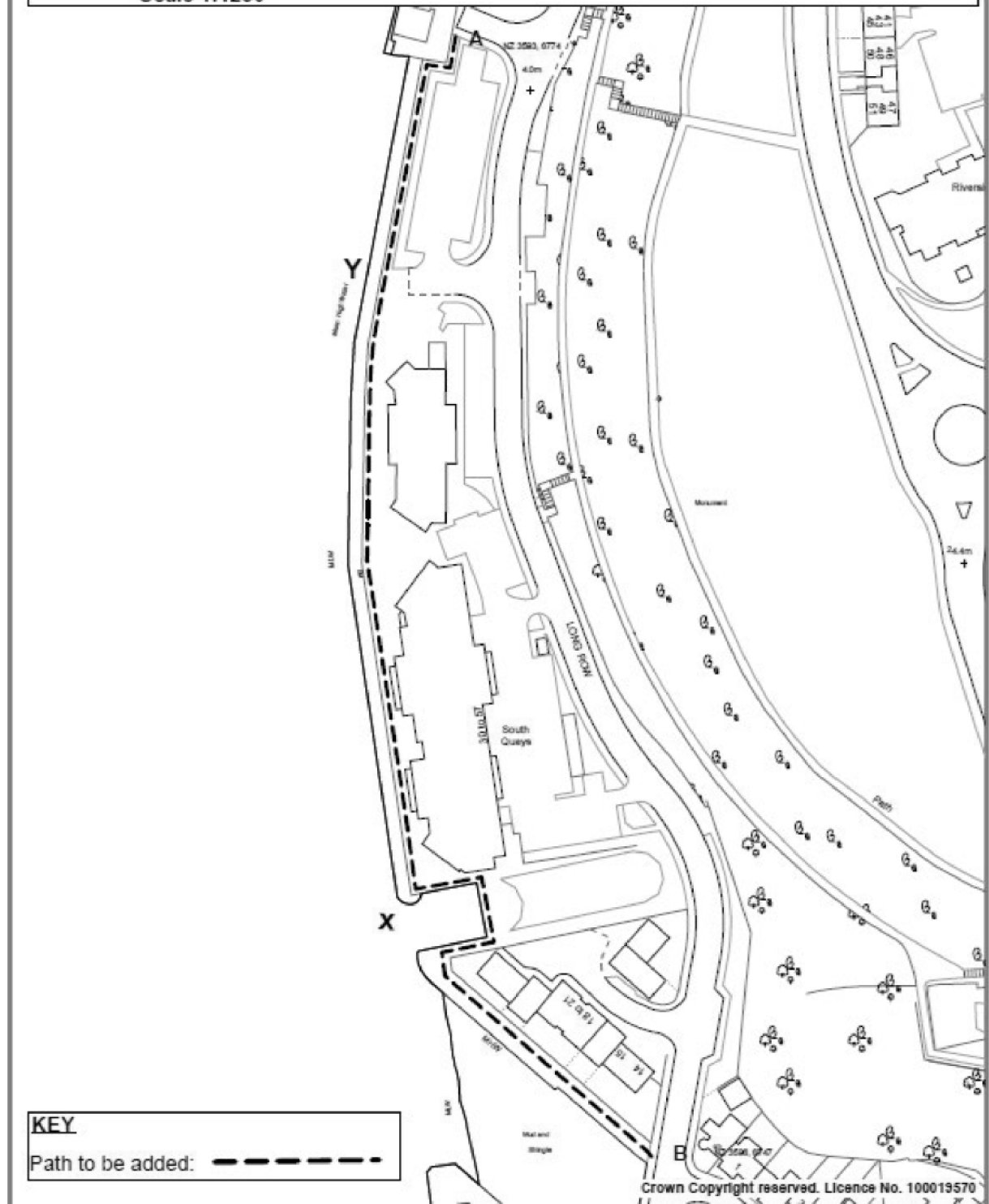
Plan 1



**South Tyneside Council**  
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981  
Definitive Map Modification Order Application  
S21 - Long Row  
Scale 1:1250



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